

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Matthew O. Savage	1724	

All Participants:

(1) Matthew O. Savage.

(2) Anthony A. Laurentano.

Status of Application: _____

(3) _____.

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Date of Interview: 23 June 2005

Time: _____

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over French Patent 1,593,016.

Claims discussed:

1, 2, 5, 8-10, 41, 44, and 46

Prior art documents discussed:

French Patent 1,593,016 and U.S. Patent 6,007,717.

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Agreed to amend claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 8 and 9 as well as the limitation of the tab portion having a radially outer surface that was inclined at an obtuse angle relative to the flat surface of the collar to patently distinguish over the French '016 reference and the U.S. '717 reference, the limitation of the obtuse angle having basis in the original FIG. 7. Agreed to amend claims 1, 2, 41, and 46 to specify the "outer surface" as being a "radially outer surface" in order to clarify the position of the surface. Agreed to delete the term "thermoplastic rubber" from claim 5 and 44 which overlapped with the term "rubber" recited in those claims. Agreed to change the dependency of claim 10 from canceled claim 9 to claim 1: See the attached examiner's amendment and reasons for allowance for details..